

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Wilson on October 19, 2010.

Lines 14-16 of claim 1 (the last three lines in claim 1) were changed to read as follows:
--portion of the cell to form a plug or jack portion of the at least one electrode pair that is connectable directly to a plug or a jack on an analyzer for an electrical connection of the sensor unit to the analyzer.--.

On line 2 of claim 8, the phrase "such as" was changed to --selected from the group consisting of--. On line 3 of claim 8, the phrase "polyethylene etc," was changed to --and polyethylene, --.

A period was inserted at the end of claim 11 since a period was missing at the end of this claim.

Non-elected claims 25-26 and 28-30 were canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Application serial no. 10/583,062 is being allowed since none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a cartridge device for analyzing blood that comprises a cell having a blood receiving portion located adjacent to a plug or jack receiving portion, means for circulating a blood sample in the

blood receiving portion, and an electrode holder having at least one electrode pair therein, wherein the electrode holder is attachable to the cell such that one end of the least one electrode pair is positioned inside the blood receiving portion to form a sensor unit for measuring the electrical impedance between the electrodes as a result of aggregation occurring in the blood sample while the opposite end of the electrode pair is positioned in the plug or jack receiving portion of the cell to form a plug or jack portion of the at least one electrode pair that is connectable directly to a plug or jack on an analyzer, and wherein when the plug or jack on an analyzer is plugged into the plug or jack receiving portion of the cell, an electrical connection of the sensor unit portion of the electrode pair to the analyzer is established.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maureen M. Wallenhorst whose telephone number is 571-272-1266. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim, can be reached on 571-272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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